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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Hilda Spicer Willey House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Taylor's Island Road (MD 16)				
CITY OR TOWN: Taylor's Island				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<b>Yes:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Hilda Spicer Willey				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Taylor's Island		STATE: Maryland		21669
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 065/553				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION						
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	
					<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>The building is a one and one-half story frame structure, built on brick piers. It is three rooms long built in two sections. The original section is a three bay structure with center door flanked by one window on each side which have 6/6 sash. On the second story or roof part of that section there are 4/4 sash. The sash are installed so the panes are horizontal rather than vertical, similar to many houses in Caroline County.</p> <p>About thirty five years age, according to Mrs. Willey, the kitchen was on the gable of the building. At that time, an addition was made where the kitchen was located and the kitchen was moved at right angles to the addition. The 20th century addition has two windows on the first floor, one dormer with 4/4 sash on the roof.</p> <p>The interior originally consisted of two rooms, a hall and parlor. It now consists of two rooms but the position is now changed so that the hall has now become the parlor or vice versa. The interior of the house has been completely remodeled. Originally in the south east corner of the hall was a stair. This was removed when an open stair was installed in the south west corner of the original portion. Upstairs are three bedrooms. Closets which were located next to the fireplace have original batten doors. The kitchen has also been remodeled but it is an early structure since the plate protrudes from the wall. The plate of both the kitchen and the original part of the house is similiary boxed in. The house is in good condition.</p>						

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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☒ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☒ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                      |   |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                      |   | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is important because it is an early vernacular structure, but more importantly, west of the house was the location of the first Methodist Chapel on Taylor's Island. It was a brick structure constructed in 1787.

"In 1781, the Methodist Society of the Island was organized by Steven Black. Early meetings were held in private homes. The first Methodist Church was built on Taylor's Island in 1787 and was known as the "Taylor's Island Meeting House." It was later renamed "Bethlehem Chapel." The land was given by Moses LeCompte. This is the earliest recorded deed for Methodist Church property in Dorchester County. At the time of its building Freeborn Garrettson was Presiding Elder and preached here in 1790. In 1857, after seventy years of service the church was replaced by the present Bethlehem Church, familiarly known as the "Old Brick Church." Continuous services have been held during all these years."

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dorchester Tercentenary Bay Country Festival, 1669-1969,  
Thomas A. Flowers, editor, Dorchester County, Maryland,  
p. 82.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

District 4, Map 59, p. 34

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Spring, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

21401

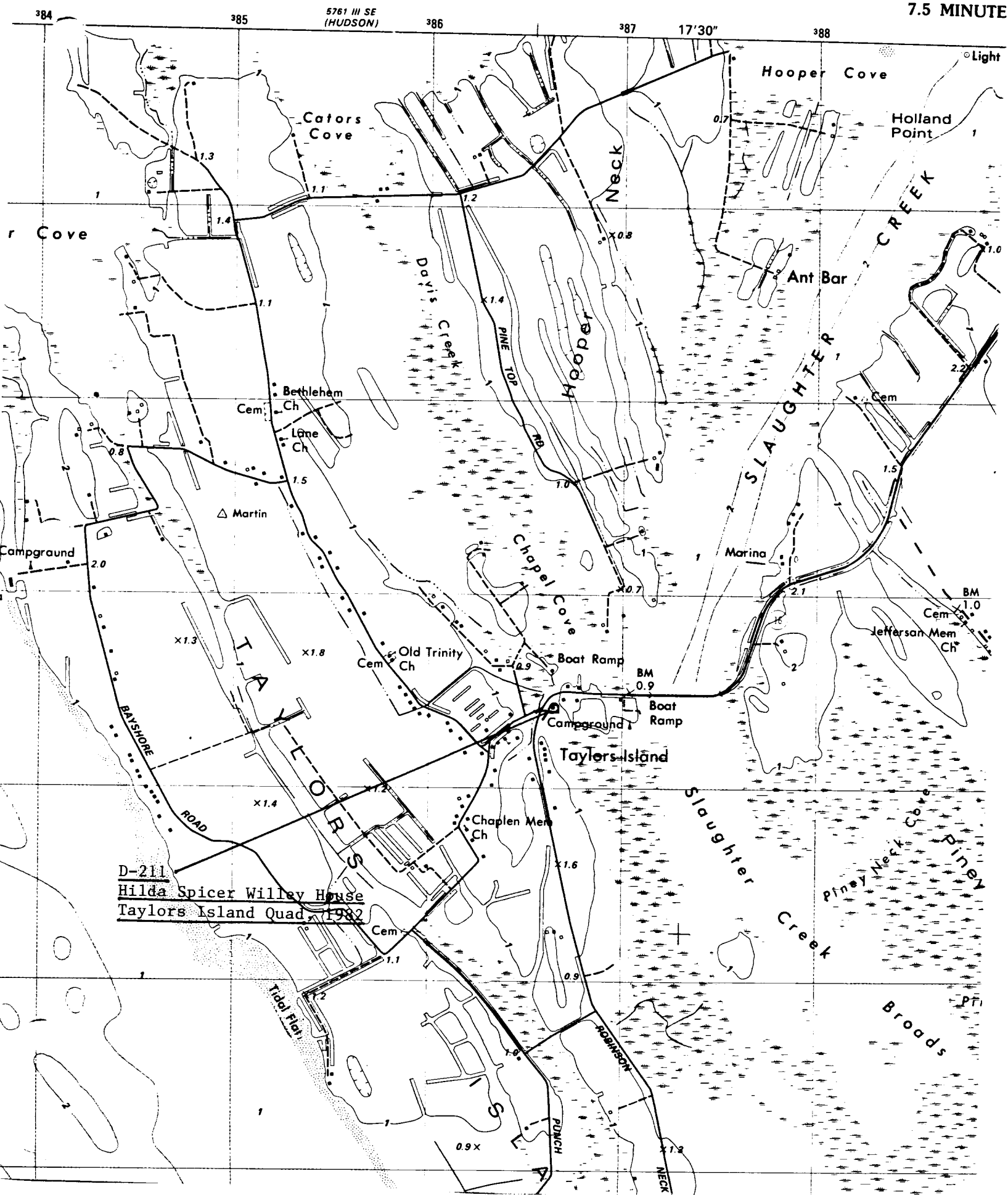
## 12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature



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M. Bourne Spring 1975